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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



Fort Leonard Wood bids farewell as Beck relinquishes command, retires

The U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood held a relinquishment-of-command ceremony Aug. 25, 2026, on Gammon Field where Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck relinquished command of the installation and retired from the Army after serving 33 years.



Turning tragedy into armor, Fort Leonard Wood's life-saving connection initiative

Continuing a meaningful-long tradition forged from a deeply personal tragedy, Fort Leonard Wood personnel will post at the Main and West access control points Sept. 2 and 3, 2026, to distribute Fort Leonard Wood Care Cards ahead of the holiday week-end.



Protecting the force, Army MP Corps to celebrate 85 years during regimental week

The U.S. Army Military Police School is preparing to celebrate 85 years of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps from Sept. 21 to 25, 2026, during regimental week at Fort Leonard Wood. This year's regimental theme is, "The Year of Protection."



Your guide to the My Army Post App: The new digital hub for Army life

Navigating daily life on an Army installation just got easier. Whether you're a Soldier, family member, civilian employee, retiree or contractor, keeping track of base resources, gate traffic and community updates can be a challenge. Enter the My Army Post App, or MAPA, the official mobile information center designed specifically for Army garrisons.

Read these stories and more at <https://www.army.mil/paowood>.

NEWS BRIEFS

Parking lot and road striping

Drivers should prepare for temporary delays as the Directorate of Public Works announces overnight road and parking lot striping across the installation. Work will occur Sunday through Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., effective immediately. The project is scheduled for completion by Oct. 23. For questions, call 573.596.7602.

Fall Faith Skills classes

The Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is offering its fall Faith Skills religious education classes on Wednesday evenings at the Main Post Chapel. The classes, which occur Sept. 2 through Nov. 4, include a dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the classes run until 7:30 p.m. Classes available this year are: The Meaning of Marriage; Master Plan for Discipleship for Men; Building Love Together in Blended Families; Catholic Women of the Chapel; Protestant Women of the Chapel; The King is Coming; Interpreting the Scriptures by Genre; Cultivating Health with Spiritual Principles; Trauma Reboot; Family Tree — Discovering Your Family History; and Financial Peace University. Orientation is required for Financial Peace University. For all other classes, register [here](#). For more information, call 573.596.0089.

Community Information Forum

Fort Leonard Wood community members are invited to join garrison leaders at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 2 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium for the [Community Information Forum](#).

Retiree Appreciation Days

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Human Resources is planning this year's Retiree Appreciation Days for Sept. 10 and 11, 2026. A complete schedule of events may be found in this [Retiree Appreciation Days article](#).

Patriot Day ceremony

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood Religious Support Office is planning to host a ceremony to observe Patriot Day at 8 a.m., Sept. 11, in the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza. In the event of inclement weather,

the ceremony is scheduled to move to Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

MSCoE Ammunition Amnesty Day

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is having an installation-wide Ammunition Amnesty Day to ensure the proper turn-in of military ammunition, explosives and explosive components from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 17. The operation will be conducted at two designated Amnesty turn-in points — Bldg. 1422 at 14096 Greenland Circle, and the Ammunition Amnesty Box located on FLW 1 across from Range 12. This program provides a safe and anonymous method for personnel to return items without fear of reprisal, enhancing the safety and security of all personnel on the installation.

Education Center updated hours

The Truman Education Center is announcing limited hours of operation on

Thursday and Friday. The center plans to be open: Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with full education advisement services; Thursday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with limited services. Computer lab hours are set for Monday through Thursday from 07:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Commander's cup sports

Commander's Cup Volleyball teams must register by Oct. 6. Six players are needed to form a team, with nine alternates, making 15 the maximum team number. Volleyball games are planned to begin at 6 p.m., Oct. 13. Basketball teams have until Jan. 12 to register five-person teams with 10 alternatives, making their maximum team size 15. The season is set to tip-off at 6 p.m., Jan. 19, 2027. To register a team, email Symone.a.smith.naf@army.mil.

Young Lives Big Stories contest winner



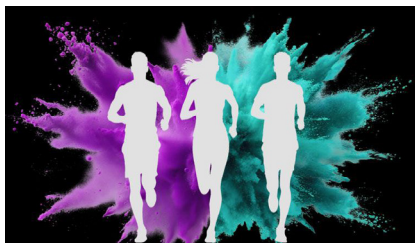
Caitlyn Marler, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Fort Leonard Wood military child, 8-year-old Alton DeFilippo is the winner of the 2026 Child and Youth Services Month of the Military Child Young Lives Big Stories contest in the age 5 to first grade category. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's CYS Division celebrated DeFilippo's award with his parents, Joanna DeFilippo and Sgt. 1st Class Ky DeFilippo, Aug. 20, 2026, during an award presentation at Bldg. 470. Sgt. 1st Class DeFilippo serves as a capability developer at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Noncommissioned Officer's Academy. For a closer look at Alton DeFilippo's award winning artwork and to view more winners of the Young Lives Big Stories contest, visit the [Army's MWR website](#).



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Events and Specials



Suicide Awareness Color Run Sept. 5 | 9 a.m.

Raise awareness, honor loved ones and support mental health with Davidson Fitness Center during this vibrant 5K. Register at DFC for \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the event.



Sunday Coffee Cruise-In Sept. 6 | 9 - 11 a.m.

Join fellow automotive enthusiasts at Auto Skills Center to show off your wheels, enjoy hot coffee and talk shop. Have a special part you need help installing? Find a friend and rent a bay.



Cross Country Par Three Sept. 7 | 9 a.m.

Play your own ball individually and post a score during this golf tournament at Piney Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Swing by PVGC to register.



CG Scramble Sept. 11 | 12 p.m.

Join us at Piney Valley Golf Course for this four person, 18-hole scramble. Cost is \$40 for Tier 1-3, \$50 for Tier 4 and Twilight Pass, and \$60 for non-members. Stop by PVGC to sign up early.



Tour of Dinners Sept. 12 | 4 p.m.

It's time for boil, spice and everything nice with a fresh crawfish boil at Pershing Community Center. Save your seat for \$18 at Leisure Travel Services, by calling 573.329.8587, or [online](#).



Yard Sale Sept. 19 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Stop by Pershing Community Center to sell your unwanted items or shop for hidden treasures. Cost to sell is \$20 in advance and \$30 day-of. Secure your spot early at Leisure Travel Services or online.

Did You Know?

Army Community Services offers courses and resources in a variety of topics. Opportunities include Anger and Stress Management, Bundles of Joy, Bright Start Play Group, Walk and Talk with New Parent Support Group and more.



Find more events, programs, and specials at leonardwood.armymwr.com